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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

19 May 1956

The Honorable Carl Vinson  
Chairman  
House Committee on Armed Services  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Referring to our phone conversation of this afternoon, this letter summarizes the problem which has arisen in connection with our new headquarters building.

Our original estimate of the cost of construction of our new building was \$38,000,000, the original estimate of the Public Buildings Service was \$50,800,000, and after our discussions with the Bureau of the Budget we requested the Congress for an authorization of \$50,000,000. Our final authorization, which was contained in the Military Construction Act of 1955 (P. L. 161, 84th Congress), was \$46,000,000.

Since the enactment of authorizing legislation, and since the enactment of P. L. 219, 84th Congress, which provided an initial appropriation sufficient to permit the drawing up of plans and specifications for the building and certain other preliminary steps, we have prepared detailed cost estimates as a basis for an appropriation request. Although we attempted to live within our authorization, we have been advised both by our architects and by the General Services Administration that it would be impossible to construct a building which would house all of our employees, even under the most austere standards and conditions, for \$46,000,000. Since the original cost estimate of \$50,800,000 was made by the Public Buildings Service in March of 1955, the building cost index has increased by 5.7%, and the trend continues upward. It is now estimated that under the present authorization, a reduction from original plans of [ ] square feet of net usable space would be required in the building, which in turn means that we would be unable to house [ ] of our employees. Current estimates indicate that roughly \$56,000,000 would now be required in order to permit construction and site development of facilities which would house all

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Agency personnel. This estimate is subject to change as more detailed plans and specifications are drawn, but, taking all factors into consideration, it is highly unlikely that the final estimate will be any lower than this amount.

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Despite the foregoing, we feel there are good and sufficient reasons to proceed immediately with an appropriation request for the full amount presently authorized, and this request is now before the Congress. Although [ ] square feet of usable space will have to be sacrificed, the building now proposed would provide space for all of our employees who are now housed in temporary buildings, thus permitting the evacuation of that space so that its demolition will be possible in accordance with Government plans for urban renewal in the District of Columbia, and as required by the act authorizing our building. The total number of buildings occupied by the Agency would be considerably reduced, with resultant benefits. Finally, any further delay, in addition to perpetuating excessive operating costs, may occasion an appreciable further increase in construction costs, thereby further reducing the space that could be provided with the funds available. Our architects have planned the building so that additions can be made without difficulty if and when additional funds are authorized and appropriated. Power, communications, heating, air conditioning and other facilities will be constructed so as to accommodate a larger building than we would be able to construct under our present authorization and appropriation request. Under this procedure, we can foresee no waste or needless expense if a later decision is made to enlarge the building.

This briefly summarizes the status of the matter. As I indicated to you, I have discussed this situation with Chairman Cannon and with Senator Hayden, both of whom are sympathetic to our problem. I believe Chairman Cannon intends to discuss it with you. I was also able to see Senator Russell. He was most sympathetic, but he felt that we would be best advised to proceed with our present appropriation request, and defer any attempt to seek an additional authorization during this session of the Congress. I agreed fully with Senator Russell, and indicated that I would also discuss the matter with you as soon as possible.

I will be in touch with you when I return to Washington in a few days, and I would be most grateful for any advice which you are able to give on this matter. In the event that you desire further information pending my return, Mr. Norman Paul of my staff will be happy to furnish you with additional details.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

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Allen W. Dulles  
Director

Extracts From

THE MILITARY CONSTRUCTION ACT OF 1955

Note—This statute is cited as 69 Stat. 324 or P.L. 84-161 (1955).

TITLE IV

Section 401. The Director of Central Intelligence is authorized to provide for a headquarters installation for the Central Intelligence Agency, in the District of Columbia or elsewhere, by the acquisition of land at a cost not to exceed \$1,000,000, and construction of buildings, facilities, appurtenances, utilities, and access roads at a cost of not to exceed \$54,500,000, of which not more than \$8,500,000 shall be available for transfer to the National Capital Planning Commission and the Department of the Interior for acquisition of land for and construction to extend the George Washington Memorial Parkway to the present site of the research station of the Bureau of Public Roads at Langley, Fairfax County, Virginia: *Provided*, That at such time as it is determined that construction of such headquarters installation at said research station will not be commenced or continued, said amount of \$8,500,000, or the remainder thereof, shall no longer be available for obligation: *Provided further*, That at such time as the Central Intelligence Agency occupies the headquarters installation authorized by this title, the Administrator of General Services is authorized and directed to accomplish the demolition and removal of temporary Government building space in the District of Columbia of equivalent occupancy to that relinquished by the Central Intelligence Agency.

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TITLE V

General Provisions

Section 501 . . . the Director of Central Intelligence is authorized to proceed with the establishment of a Central Intelligence Agency Headquarters Installation as authorized by title IV of this Act, without regard to the provisions of sections 1136, 3648 and 3734, as respectively amended, of the Revised Statutes, and prior to approval of title to underlying land, as provided by section 355, as amended, of the Revised Statutes . . . The authority to establish or develop such installations and facilities shall include, in respect of those installations and facilities as to which family housing or the acquisition of land is specified in titles I, II, III, and IV of this Act, authority to make surveys and to acquire lands and rights and interests thereto or therein, including the temporary use thereof, by donation, purchase, exchange of Government-owned lands, or otherwise, and to place permanent or temporary improvements thereon whether such lands are held in fee or under lease or under other temporary tenure.

Section 502. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums of money as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Act, but not to exceed . . .

(4) for public works authorized by title IV: \$54,500,000.

Section 504. Appropriations made to carry out the purposes of this Act shall be available for expenses incident to construction, including surveys, administration, overhead, planning, and supervision.

Extract From

**THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ACT, 1956**

Note—This statute is cited as 69 Stat. 450 (1955) or P.L. 84-219 (1955).

**CHAPTER III**

**CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY**

**Construction**

For the preparation of detail plans and specifications of a Central Intelligence Agency headquarters installation and for other purposes as authorized by title IV of the Act of July 15, 1955 (Public Law 161), to remain available until expended, \$5,500,000.

**NOTE**

1. This section appropriates the sum of \$5,500,000 for the preparation of detail plans and specifications for the proposed Agency headquarters building, the construction and related undertakings which are authorized by title IV of the Military Construction Act of 1955 (69 Stat. 324) and provides that the sum shall remain available until expended.

Extract From

**SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ACT, 1957**

Note—This statute is cited as 70 Stat. 878 (1956) or P.L. 84-814 (5916).

**CHAPTER III**

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**Construction**

For the preparation of detail plans and specifications and the construction of a Central Intelligence Agency headquarters installation, and for other purposes as authorized by title IV of the Act of July 15, 1955 (69 Stat. 349), to remain available until expended, \$49,000,000.

**NOTE**

1. This section appropriates \$49,000,000, the remainder of the sum of \$54,500,000 authorized by section 401 of the Military Construction Act of 1944 (69 Stat. 324) for the construction of Agency headquarters buildings, the sum of \$5,500,000 having been appropriated by the Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1956 (69 Stat. 450).

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Thursday, February 22, 1962

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Both Houses heard reading of Washington's Farewell Address.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

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**Bills Introduced:** Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2881-2885; S. Con. Res. 59; and S. Res. 300. Pages 2571-2572

**Resolutions Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

S.J. Res. 152, to reappoint Dr. Caryl P. Haskins as Citizen Regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution (S. Rept. 1210);

S.J. Res. 153, to reappoint Dr. Crawford H. Greenwalt as Citizen Regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution (S. Rept. 1211);

S. Con. Res. 56, to print as a Senate document "A Report of U.S. Foreign Policy and Operations" (S. Rept. 1212);

S. Res. 290, to print, with additional copies, a pamphlet entitled "Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Meeting, London, England, 1961" (S. Rept. 1213);

S. Res. 295, authorizing \$30,000 for Committee on Armed Services to study strategic and critical stockpiling (S. Rept. 1214);

S. Res. 297, to print copies of a hearing on export of strategic materials to Soviet-bloc countries (S. Rept. 1215);

S. Res. 293, providing \$75,000 for Subcommittee on Refugees and Escapees of the Committee on the Judiciary, with amendment (S. Rept. 1216);

S. Con. Res. 59, authorizing the printing of additional copies of Senate Report 448, 87th Congress, entitled "Study of Administered Prices in the Drug Industry" (S. Rept. 1217);

S. Res. 298, to print as a Senate document a compilation of tributes to Senator Hayden, with amendments (no written report);

S. Res. 299, to print 3,500 additional copies of the hearing on Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1962 (Urban Affairs) (no written report); and

S. Res. 300, providing for appointment of Senate members of the Joint Committee on Printing and the Joint Committee on the Library (no written report).

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**Smithsonian Institution:** Senate adopted S.J. Res. 152 and S.J. Res. 153 (for titles see above, under "Resolutions Reported"). Pages 2577-2578

**Committee Authorizations and Expenditures:** The following two resolutions were adopted: S. Res. 295, and S. Res. 293 (with committee amendment). (For titles of these resolutions see above, under "Resolutions Reported"). Pages 2575-2576

**Printing:** Six resolutions authorizing certain printing were adopted, as follows: S. Con. Res. 56, S. Res. 290, 297, 298 (with committee amendment), 299, and S. Con. Res. 59 (for titles see above, under "Resolutions Reported"). Pages 2570-2571, 2578-2579

**Committee Appointments:** Senate adopted S. Res. 300, providing for appointment of Senate members of the Joint Committee on Printing and the Joint Committee on the Library. Page 2571

**Washington's Farewell Address:** Senator Randolph read to the Senate George Washington's Farewell Address. Pages 2580-2584

**D.C. Capital Punishment:** H.R. 5143, to abolish mandatory death sentences in certain cases in the D.C., remained Senate's unfinished business at adjournment.

**Program for Monday:** Senate met at noon and adjourned at 1:56 p.m. until noon Monday, February 26. Senate will meet jointly with House at 12:30 p.m. to honor Lt. Col. John H. Glenn, Jr., for his successful orbital flights around the earth on February 20. Page 2593

### Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

#### FARM PROGRAM

**Committee on Agriculture and Forestry:** Committee continued its hearings on S. 2786, proposed Food and Agriculture Act of 1962, receiving testimony from James G. Patton, president, and Gilbert Rhode, of Wisconsin, both of the National Farmers Union; Homer L.

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Brinkley and Kenneth D. Naden, both of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives; and Otie M. Reed, National Creameries Association.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

## APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Continuing its hearings on fiscal 1963 budget estimates for the Department of Agriculture, and related agencies, subcommittee received testimony from the following Agriculture Department officials in behalf of funds for their respective divisions: D. A. Williams, Administrator, Soil Conservation Service, and his associates; Joseph G. Knapp, Administrator, Farmer Cooperative Service; Nathan M. Koffsky, Administrator, Economics Research Service,

and his associates; and Harry C. Trelogan, Administrator, Statistical Reporting Service.

Hearings continue Monday, February 26.

## COMMUNICATIONS—TV RECEIVERS

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Communications continued its hearings on S. 2109, to amend the Communications Act in order to give the FCC certain regulatory authority over television receiving apparatus. Witnesses heard were Lawrence M. Turet, station WXIX-TV, Milwaukee; William Putnam, station WWLP-TV, Springfield, Mass.; Lawrence Speiser, American Civil Liberties Union; and Jack Jackson, the National Grange.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

## House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 16 public bills, H.R. 10355-10370; 2 private bills, H.R. 10371 and 10372; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 639, H. Con. Res. 437, and H. Res. 550, were introduced.

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**Calendar Wednesday Business:** Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, February 28.

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**Washington's Farewell Address:** Pursuant to a special order agreed to on February 6, 1962, the House heard the reading of George Washington's Farewell Address by Representative Roush, of Indiana.

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**Program for Monday:** Adjourned at 12:45 p.m. until Monday, February 26, at 12 o'clock noon, when the House and Senate will meet jointly to honor Lt. Col. John H. Glenn, Jr., U.S. Marine Corps, after which the House will act on H.R. 6747, to create a juvenile court branch in the municipal court for the District of Columbia.

## Committee Meetings

## GENERAL FARM BILL

*Committee on Agriculture:* Heard testimony from Agriculture Department witnesses on H.R. 10010, the general farm bill.

## MILITARY REAL ESTATE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Real Estate met in executive session to consider various Army,

Navy, and Air Force real estate projects. Heard testimony from officials representing the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on the Central Intelligence Agency heard testimony from John A. McCone, Director, Central Intelligence Agency, and other CIA personnel, regarding intelligence matters.

## CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT

*Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs:* Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation held a hearing on H.R. 980, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct, operate, and maintain the Auburn-Folsom south unit, American River division, Central Valley project, California, under Federal reclamation laws. Heard testimony from Representatives Johnson of California, McFall, Sisk, Moss, Hagen of California, and George P. Miller; also various public witnesses. Hearings continue Friday, February 23.

## RIGHT-OF-WAY SITUATION—MASSACHUSETTS

*Committee on Public Works:* Special Subcommittee on the Federal-Aid Highway Program heard testimony from a Boston city official and public witnesses on the right-of-way situation in Massachusetts.

## TAXES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* The committee met in executive session regarding final decisions on the proposed tax bill. Hearings continue Friday, February 23.